

Dowd Thomas
Form 4
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FORM 4

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
Washington, D.C. 20549

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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF
SECURITIES**

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
Dowd Thomas

(Last) (First) (Middle)

GNC HOLDINGS, INC., 300
SIXTH AVENUE

(Street)

PITTSBURGH, PA 15222

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name **and** Ticker or Trading
Symbol
GNC HOLDINGS, INC. [GNC]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction
(Month/Day/Year)
11/02/2011

4. If Amendment, Date Original
Filed(Month/Day/Year)

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to
Issuer

(Check all applicable)

____ Director ____ 10% Owner
X Officer (give title below) ____ Other (specify below)

EVP, CMO & General Manager

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check
Applicable Line)
X Form filed by One Reporting Person
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Person

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)	5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
Class A common stock, par value \$0.001 ("Common Stock")	11/02/2011		M	21,100	A \$ 5	43,274	D
Common Stock	11/02/2011		S	21,100 (1)	D \$ 25.0109 (2)	22,174	D

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned
(e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3)	2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	4. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)	7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	8. Amount or Number of Shares
Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 5	11/02/2011		M	21,100	(3) 03/15/2017	Common Stock	21,100 (3)

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships
	Director 10% Owner Officer Other
Dowd Thomas GNC HOLDINGS, INC. 300 SIXTH AVENUE PITTSBURGH, PA 15222	EVP, CMO & General Manager

Signatures

/s/ Gavin O' Connor, by power of
attorney

11/03/2011

__Signature of Reporting Person

Date

Explanation of Responses:

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(1) These shares (the "10b5-1 Plan Shares") were sold pursuant to a Rule 10b5-1 sales plan adopted by Mr. Dowd on September 12, 2011.

(2) The 10b5-1 Plan Shares were sold in multiple transactions at prices ranging from \$25.00 to \$25.07, inclusive, and the price reported reflects the weighted average price at which the 10b5-1 Plan Shares were sold. Mr. Dowd undertakes to provide to the issuer, any security holder of the issuer or the staff of the Securities Exchange Commission, upon request, full information regarding the number of shares sold at each separate price within the range set forth above.

(3) Option granted on March 16, 2007. This option, representing a right to purchase 177,044 shares of Common Stock, vests in five equal installments on March 16, 2008, 2009, 2010, 2011 and 2012.

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